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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682	Applicant's or agent's file reference P101086PCT/SAB
International filing date (day/month/year) 11 July 2000 (11.07.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 19 July 1999 (19.07.99)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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09 February 2001 (09.02.01)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P101086PCT/SAB	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 02682	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/07/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 19/07/1999
Applicant SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P101086PCT/SAB	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/GB00/02682	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/07/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 19/07/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G07D11/00		
<p>Applicant SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al.</p> <p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):
- Description, pages:**

2,3,5-9.. as originally filed

1,1a,4,4a.. as received on 18/05/2001 with letter of 18/05/2001

Claims, No.:

1 - 8, ~~1-12, 17-19~~ as received on 18/05/2001 with letter of 18/05/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:

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- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 93 02435 A (TRANSALARM LTD) (1993-02-04)
- D3: EP-A-0 692 599 (FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHER) (1996-01-17)
- D4: WO 99 35622 A1 (SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL) (1999-07-15)

The document D4 was not cited in the international search report. A copy of the document is appended hereto.

- 1). Document D1 discloses (cf. abstract; page 15, line 22 to page 18, line 23; Figs. 1-4) a security cabinet (11) comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (17-19) for a dispensing machine, each container including delivery means (29) for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (30; page 13, lines 5-18) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, from which the subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs in that the security cabinet is arranged as a mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine by means of a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine without exposing said containers.

The replaceable cash store and the mobile security cabinet according to independent claims 18 and 19, respectively, differ from D1 by equivalent features as independent claim 1.

- 2). Document D3 discloses a system for the secure transportation of articles in which a transport container having a plurality of compartments must be loaded/unloaded by engaging the container with a corresponding docking station. D3 does not

propose direct use of the container with an automatic teller machine (ATM) or delivery of the container content to an ATM without opening the container

The subject-matter of claims 1, 18 and 19 are therefore novel over document D1 and do not appear to follow from a combination of the teachings in D1 and D3 and thus meet the requirements of Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

- 3). The prepublished international application D4 was filed in the name of the same applicant as the present application. D4 discloses a security apparatus provided for use with an automatic teller machine, the security apparatus having coupling means for engaging the unit with a cash cassette of an ATM, and spoiling means for spoiling the contents of the cassette in response to a control means.

D4 discloses a mobile security cabinet (12) comprising a reception region for receiving and engaging with a cash cassette for a dispensing machine (ATM). The known security cabinet comprises delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the cassette. Spoiling ink reservoir and control means are contained within an enclosure containing penetration detection means.

However, document D4 also does not disclose the features distinguishing the present independent claims 1, 18 and 19 from the prior art in document D1.

Nevertheless, the mobile security system known from document D4 apparently establishes closer prior art than document D3 taken by the Applicant as the basis for the two-part form of claims 1, 18 and 19.

- 4). Dependent claims 2-17 relate to specific embodiments of the invention defined in claim 1. These claims likewise do therefore meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

An industrial applicability of the invention as claimed is obvious (Article 33(4) PCT).

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Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

- 5). Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D4 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Although claims 1, 18 and 19 are drafted in the two-part form the features disclosed in combination in document D4 are not correctly placed in the preamble of these claims.

**SECURITY CABINET, COMBINED SECURITY UNIT AND PICK UNIT, AND
ATM INCLUDING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT**

The present invention relates to a security cabinet, and in particular, though not exclusively, to a cabinet for protecting cash cassettes for use with automatic teller machines (ATMs). The invention also relates to a combined security cabinet and ATM pick unit and to an ATM machine including such a combined unit.

Automatic teller machines are now common. Each machine carries a number of removable cassettes in which money is stored. Other valuable items, such as stamps or tickets may be stored in similar machines. It is necessary, from time to time, to replenish the cassettes in an ATM. This is normally done at fixed intervals based on the expected usage of the machine. Each cassette may contain a considerable amount of money, and consequently theft of one or more cassettes represents a relatively easy way of obtaining a significant amount of money for a criminal. Furthermore, when a new cassette is stored in a new machine, a "empty" cassette is removed from the machine. However, since replenishment may be done at predetermined intervals rather than when the cassettes are low or empty, the "empty" cassettes may in fact contain a considerable amount of money.

WO 93 02435 A discloses apparatus for contaminating valuables held in a plurality of containers removably mounted within a housing by delivering contamination material into each container from a reservoir, the reservoir and delivery system being housed outside each container. Each container is separately removable from the apparatus for refilling.

EP-A-0 692599 discloses a system for the secure transportation of articles comprising first and second docking stations at different locations and a secure container that mates with the docking stations. The container has a number of lockable doors into which bank notes are fed by a feeder mechanism at the first docking station.

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According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers for said dispensing machine, each container arranged to hold money or other valuables and including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, the cabinet further including a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine without exposing said containers.

It is thus possible to provide a security cabinet which can give simultaneous protection to a plurality of security containers and which can spoil the contents of the containers in the event of an attack.

controller for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, characterised by said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine such that cash can be delivered to the Automatic teller machine without opening the cash store..

Preferably, further sensors are provided for determining when the cash store is properly engaged with the ATM.

Advantageously, the ATM pick unit is integrated into the cash store. This has a particular advantage, since the ATM pick unit comprises many moving parts and these can be frequently returned to a service department thereby allowing maintenance to be carried out on a regular basis whilst not impacting on the operation of the ATM itself.

The cash store may act as the primary source of protection within the ATM, and consequently the ATM can be made smaller and lighter and at less cost. It is further possible to provide physically smaller portable ATMs for use at temporary locations whilst the cash is maintained within a security cabinet according to either of the first or second aspects of the present invention.

According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes, each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement, the mobile security cabinet being engagable with an automatic dispensing machine without exposing said security boxes.

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It is thus possible to provide a security cabinet having a reception region for receiving and engaging with security boxes, each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the security box, and wherein the cabinet includes at

CLAIMS

1. A mobile security cabinet (2) for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (4a, 4b) for said dispensing machine, each container (4a, 4b) including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet (2) further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller (20) responsive to the at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, the cabinet further including a pick unit (40) for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine without exposing said containers.
2. A security cabinet (2) as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir (8a - 8d) within the security cabinet.
3. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir within the containers (4a, 4b).
4. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a locking arrangement is provided to hold each container within its reception region.
5. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one position detector (26) is provided to determine when a container (4a, 4b) is correctly engaged with the cabinet.
6. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cabinet has a penetration detecting covering.
7. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6, characterised in that the penetration detecting covering covers substantially the entire surface of the cabinet.
8. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterised in that the cabinet has an openable closure (52), which openable closure is acted upon by a lock.

17. An ATM in combination with a security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.
18. A replaceable cash store (50) for an automatic teller machine, comprising a portable container defining a plurality of cash storage regions therein, a spoiling arrangement for delivering a spoiling agent to the cash storage regions, at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attack on the cash store and a controller (20) for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, characterised by said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine such that cash can be delivered to the Automatic teller machine without opening the cash store.
19. A mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine, characterised by comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes (4a, 4b), each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the security cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement, the mobile security cabinet being engagable with an automatic dispensing machine without exposing said security boxes.

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT (PCT Rule 71.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference
P101086PCT/SAB

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/GB00/02682

International filing date (day/month/year)
11/07/2000

Priority date (day/month/year)
19/07/1999

Applicant
SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filling translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/07/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 19/07/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G07D11/00		
Applicant SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

2,3,5-9	as originally filed		
1,1a,4,4a	as received on	18/05/2001 with letter of	18/05/2001

Claims, No.:

1-19	as received on	18/05/2001 with letter of	18/05/2001
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Drawings, sheets:

1/3-3/3	as originally filed
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 93 02435 A (TRANSALARM LTD) (1993-02-04)
- D3: EP-A-0 692 599 (FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHER) (1996-01-17)
- D4: WO 99 35622 A1 (SPINNAKER INTERNATIONAL) (1999-07-15)

The document D4 was not cited in the international search report. A copy of the document is appended hereto.

- 1). Document D1 discloses (cf. abstract; page 15, line 22 to page 18, line 23; Figs. 1-4) a security cabinet (11) comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (17-19) for a dispensing machine, each container including delivery means (29) for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (30; page 13, lines 5-18) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, from which the subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs in that the security cabinet is arranged as a mobile security cabinet for engagement with an automatic dispensing machine by means of a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine without exposing said containers.

The replaceable cash store and the mobile security cabinet according to independent claims 18 and 19, respectively, differ from D1 by equivalent features as independent claim 1.

- 2). Document D3 discloses a system for the secure transportation of articles in which a transport container having a plurality of compartments must be loaded/unloaded by engaging the container with a corresponding docking station. D3 does not

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propose direct use of the container with an automatic teller machine (ATM) or delivery of the container content to an ATM without opening the container

The subject-matter of claims 1, 18 and 19 are therefore novel over document D1 and do not appear to follow from a combination of the teachings in D1 and D3 and thus meet the requirements of Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

- 3). The prepublished international application D4 was filed in the name of the same applicant as the present application. D4 discloses a security apparatus provided for use with an automatic teller machine, the security apparatus having coupling means for engaging the unit with a cash cassette of an ATM, and spoiling means for spoiling the contents of the cassette in response to a control means.

D4 discloses a mobile security cabinet (12) comprising a reception region for receiving and engaging with a cash cassette for a dispensing machine (ATM). The known security cabinet comprises delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the cassette. Spoiling ink reservoir and control means are contained within an enclosure containing penetration detection means. However, document D4 also does not disclose the features distinguishing the present independent claims 1, 18 and 19 from the prior art in document D1.

Nevertheless, the mobile security system known from document D4 apparently establishes closer prior art than document D3 taken by the Applicant as the basis for the two-part form of claims 1, 18 and 19.

- 4). Dependent claims 2-17 relate to specific embodiments of the invention defined in claim 1. These claims likewise do therefore meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

An industrial applicability of the invention as claimed is obvious (Article 33(4) PCT).

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Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

- 5). Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D4 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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International application No. PCT/GB00/02682

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

2,3,5-9.. as originally filed

1,1a,4,4a.. as received on 18/05/2001 with letter of 18/05/2001

Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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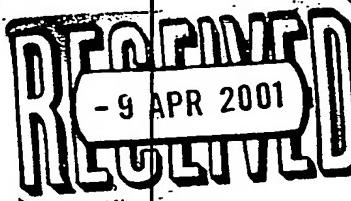
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WRITTEN OPINION

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1. This written opinion is the first drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the opinion
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain document cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby **Invited to reply to this opinion**.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"):

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- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c));

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement	
Novelty (N)	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 93 02435 A (TRANSALARM LTD) (1993-02-04)
- D2: US-A-4 884 514 (SHOCKEY BRENT J ET AL) (1989-12-05)
- D3: EP-A-0 692 599 (FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHER) (1996-01-17)

- 1). Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. abstract; page 15, line 22 to page 18, line 23; Figs. 1-4) a mobile security cabinet (11), characterised by a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (17-19) for dispensing machines, each container including delivery means (29) for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (30; page 13, lines 5-18) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, from which the subject-matter of claim 1 differs in that the cabinet further includes a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine.

The mobile security cabinet in D1 is carried out in the form of an ATM (automatic teller machine). From D1, Figures 2 and 3, with the paragraph of the description bridging pages 16 and 17 follows that the containers (17-19) are arranged for engagement with dispensing mechanism (20). Having regard to said disclosure in D1 the suggestion in present claim 1, namely to provide a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine appears to be an equivalent to the suggestion of document D1 and can be interchanged with that feature where circumstances make it desirable.

The subject-matter of claim 1 does therefore not involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

- 2). Document D1 discloses (cf. abstract; page 15, line 22 to page 18, line 23; Figs. 1-4) a replaceable cash store for an automatic teller machine (11), characterised by comprising a container defining a plurality of cash storage regions (17; 18; 19) therein, a spoiling arrangement (29) for delivering a spoiling agent to the cash storage regions, at least one sensor (30; page 13, lines 5-18) for detecting an attack on the cash store and a controller for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine (12, 13, 14, 20) such that cash can be delivered to the automatic teller machine without opening the cash store.

The cash store known from D1 is arranged within the housing of the automatic teller machine (ATM 11) with a plurality of cassettes (17-19) removably held on racks. From D1, Figures 2 and 3, with the paragraph of the description bridging pages 16 and 17 follows that the cassettes (17-19) are arranged for engagement with dispensing mechanism (20).

Having regard to the disclosure in D3 the suggestion in present independent claim 18 to provide a portable container defining a plurality of cash storage regions therein, the solution proposed in independent claim 18 of the present application cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) since the skilled person would regard it as a normal design option to include this feature in the cash store described in document D1 to solve the problem of providing for an improved cash management.

- 3). Document D1 discloses (cf. abstract; page 15, line 22 to page 18, line 23; Figs. 1-4) a security cabinet comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes (4a, 4b), each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (22,24,26,27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the security cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including

means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement.

The subject-matter of claim 19 does not therefore meet the requirement of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 4). Dependent claims 2-17 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step since they relate to obvious details such as embodiments of the spoiling agent delivering means, of a fraud detection arrangement and of customary security measures, that does not go beyond the skilled person's general knowledge and/or the suggestions made in D1 to D3 as cited in the search report.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

- 5). Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 to D3 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

Independent claim 19 is not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

Although claims 1 and 18 are drafted in the two-part form the features disclosed in combination in document D1 are not correctly placed in the preamble of these claims.

In order to facilitate the examination of the conformity of any amended sheets of the application with the requirements of Article 34(2)(b) PCT, the applicant is re-

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SEPARATE SHEET**

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requested to clearly identify the amendments carried out, no matter whether they concern amendments by addition, replacement or deletion, and to indicate the passages of the application as filed on which these amendments are based (see also Rule 66.8(a) PCT).

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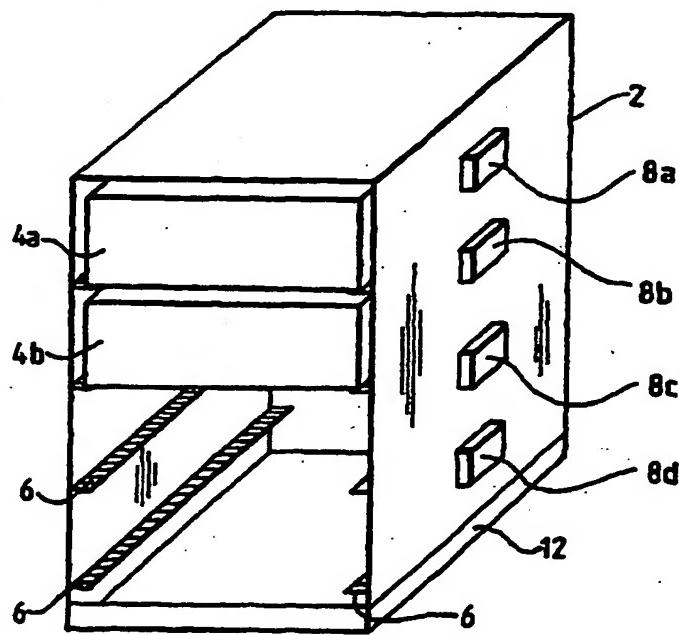
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(54) Title: SECURITY CABINET, COMBINED SECURITY UNIT AND PICK UNIT, AND ATM INCLUDING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT



(57) Abstract: A security cabinet (2) is provided in which security boxes are protected by virtue of being connected to a spoiling system. A data processor monitors sensors around the cabinet to determine when an attack is being made.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 93 02435 A (TRANSALARM LTD) 4 February 1993 (1993-02-04)	19
Y	page 15, line 21 -page 18, line 23	1, 4, 17
A	page 18, line 22; figures 1-3	10, 11
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Y	EP 0 692 599 A (FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHERN) 17 January 1996 (1996-01-17) abstract	18
A	column 4, line 17 -column 5, line 7 column 5, line 42 - line 45; figure 2	2, 6-9, 13-16
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A	EP 0 848 130 A (NCR INT INC) 17 June 1998 (1998-06-17) column 1, line 50 - line 55 column 2, line 25 - line 29; figures 1,2	1,2

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**SECURITY CABINET, COMBINED SECURITY UNIT AND PICK UNIT, AND
ATM INCLUDING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT**

The present invention relates to a security cabinet, and in particular, though not exclusively, to a cabinet for protecting cash cassettes for use with automatic teller machines (ATMs). The invention also relates to a combined security cabinet and ATM pick unit and to an ATM machine including such a combined unit.

Automatic teller machines are now common. Each machine carries a number of removable cassettes in which money is stored. Other valuable items, such as stamps or tickets may be stored in similar machines. It is necessary, from time to time, to replenish the cassettes in an ATM. This is normally done at fixed intervals based on the expected usage of the machine. Each cassette may contain a considerable amount of money, and consequently theft of one or more cassettes represents a relatively easy way of obtaining a significant amount of money for a criminal. Furthermore, when a new cassette is stored in a new machine, a "empty" cassette is removed from the machine. However, since replenishment may be done at predetermined intervals rather than when the cassettes are low or empty, the "empty" cassettes may in fact contain a considerable amount of money.

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a mobile security cabinet, comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers for dispensing machines, each container arranged to hold money or other valuables and including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, the cabinet further including a pick unit for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine.

It is thus possible to provide a security cabinet which can give simultaneous protection to a plurality of security containers and which can spoil the contents of the containers in the event of an attack.

Preferably the security cabinet has for example, castors or wheels, such that the entire unit can be delivered to the dispensing machine.

Preferably the security cabinet can be docked with an dispensing machine thereby delivering cash to an dispensing machine without the need to open the cabinet at or adjacent the dispensing machine.

Preferably the cabinet includes a locking system for locking each security container within its reception region. Advantageously one or more position detectors are provided to determine when the or each security container is correctly engaged with the security cabinet. The tolerances between the security cabinet and the security containers may, deliberately, be tight and consequently even a small amount of displacement from the normal engagement position can be detected. Such displacement may result from a deliberate attempt to tamper with the security system.

Preferably the cabinet is provided with a penetration detection arrangement which, advantageously, may be formed as part of the cover of the cabinet. The cover may, for example, have conductors embedded therein such that an attempt to penetrate the cover will damage the conductors embedded therein and consequently can be detected.

Advantageously the door of the cabinet, or other openable closure is also provided with penetration detection means. Furthermore, the door or closure may engage with a lock which is controlled by the controller within the cabinet.

Preferably the cabinet includes data exchange devices, such as infrared or radio frequency links, to communicate with other security systems. Examples of such systems include a security system at a cash cassette replenishment centre, a security system of a delivery vehicle used to deliver the cash cassettes from the replenishment centre to users, such as banks, and security systems at the delivery point. Such systems may include bank security systems which may control operation of the bank doors and also the dispensing machine itself which may not release its own door locks or disable some of its own security features until such time as it has authenticated that an authorised delivery is being made to the

machine. The cabinet may also be used to deliver encryption keys and other data to the dispensing machine in a secure manner.

Preferably the dispensing machine is an automatic teller machine, ATM.

Preferably the valuables contained within each security container are paper or plastics valuables where the valuables can be spoiled by contact with an ink or other suitable spoiling agent.

Preferably the security cabinet includes position and/or motion determining means for providing a measurement of position and/or motion to the control means. In this way, the control means can identify the position of the cabinet, or the occurrence of motion of the cabinet and to use this data to determine whether an attempt is being made to physically remove the cabinet from its expected position or to move it from an expected delivery route, and thereby provide an indication that a theft is in progress. The cabinet may include a global position satellite (GPS) receiver and/or accelerometers and/or gyroscopes. Furthermore, the security cabinet may obtain positional information from a delivery vehicle whilst the cabinet is in or adjacent the vehicle.

Advantageously the connectors forming the delivery system for the spoiling means between the security cabinet and the or each security container include co-operating male and female connectors which are provided with path clearing means in order to push debris or other foreign matter away from the fluid delivery path as the connectors are brought into engagement with one another. Advantageously, a sensor is provided to give an indication that debris was obstructing the path, or that the delivery path is formed to an acceptable standard. This provides security against deliberate tampering.

Preferably the or each security container is a cash cassette for an ATM.

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a replaceable cash store for an automatic teller machine, comprising a portable container defining a plurality of cash storage regions therein, a spoiling arrangement for delivering a spoiling agent to the cash storage regions, at least one sensor for detecting an attack on the cash store and a

controller for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine such that cash can be delivered to the Automatic teller machine without opening the cash store.

Preferably, further sensors are provided for determining when the cash store is properly engaged with the ATM.

Advantageously, the ATM pick unit is integrated into the cash store. This has a particular advantage, since the ATM pick unit comprises many moving parts and these can be frequently returned to a service department thereby allowing maintenance to be carried out on a regular basis whilst not impacting on the operation of the ATM itself.

The cash store may act as the primary source of protection within the ATM, and consequently the ATM can be made smaller and lighter and at less cost. It is further possible to provide physically smaller portable ATMs for use at temporary locations whilst the cash is maintained within a security cabinet according to either of the first or second aspects of the present invention.

According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a security cabinet comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes, each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement.

It is thus possible to provide a security cabinet having a reception region for receiving and engaging with security boxes, each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the security box, and wherein the cabinet includes at

least one sensor for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt remove a security box, and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling on the contents of the boxes via the delivery means.

The present invention will further be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a security cabinet constituting a first embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a block diagram schematically illustrating the internal relationship between the cabinet's data processor and ancillary systems;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a combined security cabinet and ATM pick unit;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the cabinet of Figure 1 with its door and cover in position; and

Figure 5 shows the arrangement for connecting the ink delivery paths.

Figure 1 is a cutaway perspective view of a security cabinet constituting an embodiment of the present invention. The external cover of the cabinet, and the door, have been omitted for clarity. The cabinet 2 serves to define a protected storage rack for a plurality of cash cassettes 4a, 4b. In the embodiment shown, the cabinet 2 can enclose up to four cassettes 4a - 4d. Cassette guides 6 are formed on opposing sides of the cabinet and effectively serve to partition the cabinet into four reception regions for the respective cash cassettes. Each cash cassette, when in its engaged position, is in fluid flow communication with a respective reservoir 8a to 8d of a spoiling agent. The spoiling agent may, for example, be ink which is arranged to be expelled from the reservoir under the action of compressed gas. A suitable spoiling system is disclosed in the applicant's pending application PCT/GB98/03882 having an international filing date of 22nd December 1998, to which reference should be made for further details. A shared reservoir of spoiling agent may be provided.

The position of each cash cassette 4a is monitored within its reception region in order to confirm that the cash cassette has attained its proper position, and consequently to infer that a fluid flow path has been established from the spoiling agent to the interior of the cash cassette. Advantageously the connection between the cash cassettes 4a to 4d and the spoiling means 8a to 8d comprise a connection arrangement as described in the applicant's above mentioned international application. The ink delivery system comprises co-operating male and female parts indicated generally as 100 and 102. The female part 102 is, in the embodiment illustrated in Figure 5, attached to the cash cassette. Advantageously, but not necessarily, the female part 102 is in the spring loaded attachment such that it can move between the positions generally indicated as 103 and 104 which show the same part 102 in different positions. As shown, a casing 110 has a tapered inlet 112 formed therein. The inlet 112 may have a generally conical profile which then merges with a cylindrical bore 114. The bore 114 is a blind bore, but has at least one ink delivery outlet 116 formed in a side wall thereof adjacent, but not at, the end of the bore 114. Only one delivery outlet is illustrated for simplicity, but a plurality of delivery outlets may be provided. They may be longitudinally or radially disposed with respect to each other. Furthermore, the outlets may be elongated to allow correct operation to be maintained even if some longitudinal movement/misalignment occurs. The ink delivery outlet is in fluid flow communication with a, preferably flexible pipe 118 which extends into the interior of the cash cassette. The casing 110 may also incorporate a guide pin or other suitable locking element which provides a point of attachment to a locking device, for example in the form of an arm, carried on the male part 100. The use of a plurality of delivery outlets enables the ink to be delivered more rapidly.

The ink injection unit as housed in elements 8a to 8d comprises a gas canister 130 coupled to an ink reservoir 132 via a throttling orifice 134. The gas canister is opened via a pyrotechnic device (not shown) which is actuated to rupture a seal of the canister 130. The interior of the ink reservoir 132 is in fluid flow communication with a delivery passage 136 which forms a central delivery pipe 138 of the male member 100. The delivery pipe 138 opens at a sideways facing aperture 140 which, in use, aligns with the ink outlet passage 116 when the male and female elements are correctly coupled together. A sleeve 150

extends around the delivery pipe 138. The sleeve 150 is slideable with respect to the delivery pipe between a first position as illustrated in Figure 5 in which the sleeve extends over the outlet 140 and a second position in which the sleeve slides to the right as shown in Figure 5 in order to expose the delivery outlet 140. The sleeve is urged to the first position by compression spring 152.

In use, as a cash cassette is loaded into the security cabinet, the male and female parts move towards each other and the sleeve 150 engages with the conical recess 112 and is pushed against the urging of the compression spring 152 to uncover the aperture 140. This relative motion also ensures that any debris in the aperture 112 is pushed passed the outlet pipe 116 thereby ensuring that debris cannot be deliberately introduced into the aperture 112 in order to defeat the security system. A position sensor (not shown) monitors the relative motion of the sleeve 150 with respect to the delivery pipe to ensure that it reaches the correct position. This position is monitored by the controller as an indication of when the ink delivery path has been properly established.

The cabinet 2 also includes a compartment 12 which houses a data processor and other associated electronics.

Figure 2 schematically illustrates the interconnection between various systems within the security cabinet. A data processor 20 is arranged to receive inputs from a blast detector 22, a penetration detector 24 (in the form of an elongate conductor), one or more cassette position sensors 26, door switches 27, a bi-directional infrared link 28 and a bi-directional radio link 30. The data processor is also arranged to control locks within the security cabinet, and more specifically locks for engaging the cash cassettes 4a to 4d and also a door lock which operates on the door of the security cabinet. The data processor is also arranged to initiate actuation of the spoiling systems 8a to 8d.

The data processor is arranged such that it receives information via the infrared or radio links concerning the contents of the cash cassettes when the cabinet is at a replenishment station. The data processor is also given details of the delivery points that the delivery vehicle will be travelling to, optionally the route that will be taken and the expected

delivery times, and bank and automatic teller security codes such that the data processor can negotiate with other security systems in order that both systems can confirm the authenticity of the other.

Before leaving the replenishment station, the data processor examines the outputs of the cassette position sensors, and once it has determined that the cassettes are properly loaded and that the cabinet door is shut, it operates the locks to secure the contents of the cabinet.

During transport to the various delivery points, the data processor may receive positional information, either from a GPS system incorporated within the cabinet, or from the vehicle's positioning system. Once the vehicle reaches the predetermined delivery point, the data processor 20 may release the door lock on the cabinet and, after negotiating with a further security system, may also release one or more of the cash cassettes for delivery to an ATM. However, the cabinet may be delivered directly to the ATM, and in such circumstances, the data processor does not release any of the cabinet security features but places itself in a "transport" mode where it monitors the distance travelled, or travel time, or nature of the travel between itself and its expected delivery point in order to determine whether it has been hijacked in transit between the delivery van and its destination.

As the cabinet approaches the bank and/or automatic teller machine, the data processor may establish communication with the bank and/or automatic teller machine in order to validate that it is being delivered to the correct destination. Once the cabinet is adjacent to the ATM it may then open its door to allow cash cassettes to be transferred to the ATM.

As shown in Figure 3, an ATM pick unit 40 may be integrated with a security cabinet 2. In such an arrangement, the combined security cabinet and pick unit may be loaded into the ATM as a single module in exchange for the cash cassette and pick unit already in place in the ATM. Under such circumstances, the data processor does not need to release its door lock and maintains responsibility for security of the cash cassette even when the combined unit has been installed within the ATM. The pick unit is a known component and its internal structure need not be described here. However, when in position the pick-unit does need to be in electrical and/or mechanical connection with the ATM.

Figure 4 illustrates a perspective view of the cash cassette shown in Figure 1 with its anti-penetration cover and door 52 in place. It is apparent that the cabinet has an anti-penetration covering on all sides of the cabinet and that none of its internal components are exposed. The door 52 is provided with a handle 54 in order to aid opening of the door by authorised operators.

It is thus possible to provide a security cabinet, and more specifically, a cabinet for cash cassettes of an automatic teller machine which holds the cassettes in a protected environment such that, in the event of an attack, a spoiling system can be operated in order to spoil the content of the cassette. Furthermore, the unit can be provided with an ATM pick unit in order to form a combined module which can simply be slotted into and out of ATMs in order to accomplish replenishment of the ATMs without exposing the cassettes to attack. It will be appreciated that the security boxes need not be ATM cash cassette boxes and that the cabinet can be used to protect valuables during delivery or may act as a "safe" in venues such as hotels, guest houses and the like. Dummy cash cassettes may be provided, where the cash cassette is externally physically similar to an ATM cash cassette, such that a single cabinet can be used for ATM deliveries and non-ATM deliveries.

CLAIMS

1. A mobile security cabinet (2), characterised by a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with containers (4a, 4b) for dispensing machines, each container (4a, 4b) including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent to spoil the contents of the container, the security cabinet (2) further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet or an attempt to remove a container, and a controller (20) responsive to the at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for initiating spoiling of the contents of the containers via the delivery means, the cabinet further including a pick unit (40) for the dispensing machine such that the mobile security cabinet can be engaged with a dispensing machine.
2. A security cabinet (2) as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir (8a - 8d) within the security cabinet.
3. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the spoiling agent is held in at least one reservoir within the containers (4a, 4b).
4. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a locking arrangement is provided to hold each container within its reception region.
5. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one position detector (26) is provided to determine when a container (4a, 4b) is correctly engaged with the cabinet.
6. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cabinet has a penetration detecting covering.
7. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6, characterised in that the penetration detecting covering covers substantially the entire surface of the cabinet.
8. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterised in that the cabinet has an openable closure (52), which openable closure is acted upon by a lock.

9. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the lock is controlled by the controller (20).
10. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 2, or any other claim dependent thereon, characterised in that each security container (4a 4b) includes one of a male and female connector (100, 102) for engaging with a co-operating one of a female and male connector (102, 100) of the security cabinet when the container is at its reception region.
11. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that the co-operating connectors include a sweeping means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement with one another.
12. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised by further including position and/or motion determining means for providing a measurement of position and/or motion to the controller such that the controller can detect unauthorised movement of the cabinet and initiate spoiling of the contents of the cassette.
13. A security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cabinet further includes at least one data exchange system (30) for exchanging data with other security systems.
14. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 13, in which the security cabinet is arranged to exchange data with the security systems at a replenishment centre and/or of a delivery vehicle.
15. A security cabinet as claimed in claim 15 or 16, in which the cabinet is arranged to exchange data with an automatic teller machine.
16. A security cabinet as claimed in any one claims 13 to 15, in which the cabinet is arranged to exchange identity information to the ATM and/or encryption/decryption keys.

17. An ATM in combination with a security cabinet as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.
18. A replaceable cash store (50) for an automatic teller machine, characterised by comprising a portable container defining a plurality of cash storage regions therein, a spoiling arrangement for delivering a spoiling agent to the cash storage regions, at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attack on the cash store and a controller (20) for initiating operation of the spoiling arrangement, said cash store being dockable with an automatic teller machine such that cash can be delivered to the Automatic teller machine without opening the cash store.
19. A security cabinet comprising a plurality of reception regions for receiving and engaging with security boxes (4a, 4b), each security box including delivery means for delivering a spoiling agent from at least one reservoir within the security cabinet so as to spoil the contents of the security box, the security cabinet further comprising at least one sensor (22, 24, 26, 27) for detecting an attempt to open the cabinet and a controller responsive to the at least one sensor for initiating spoiling of the contents of the boxes via the delivery means, each security box having a connector for engaging with a co-operating connector of the security cabinet when the security box is in a reception region, the co-operating connectors including means for displacing foreign matter out of the fluid delivery path between the connectors as the connectors move into engagement.

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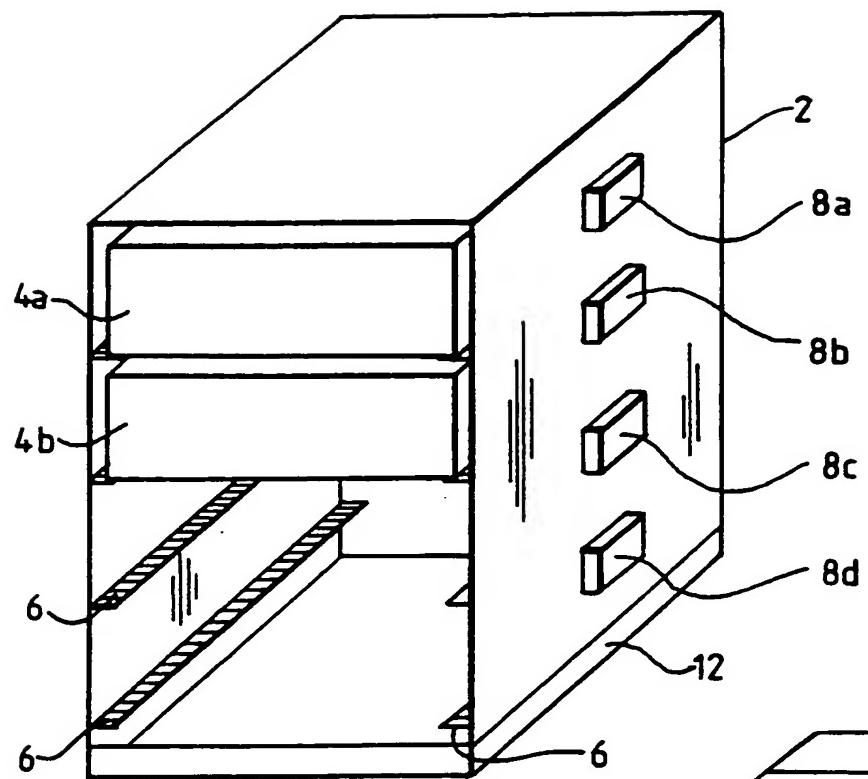


Fig.1.

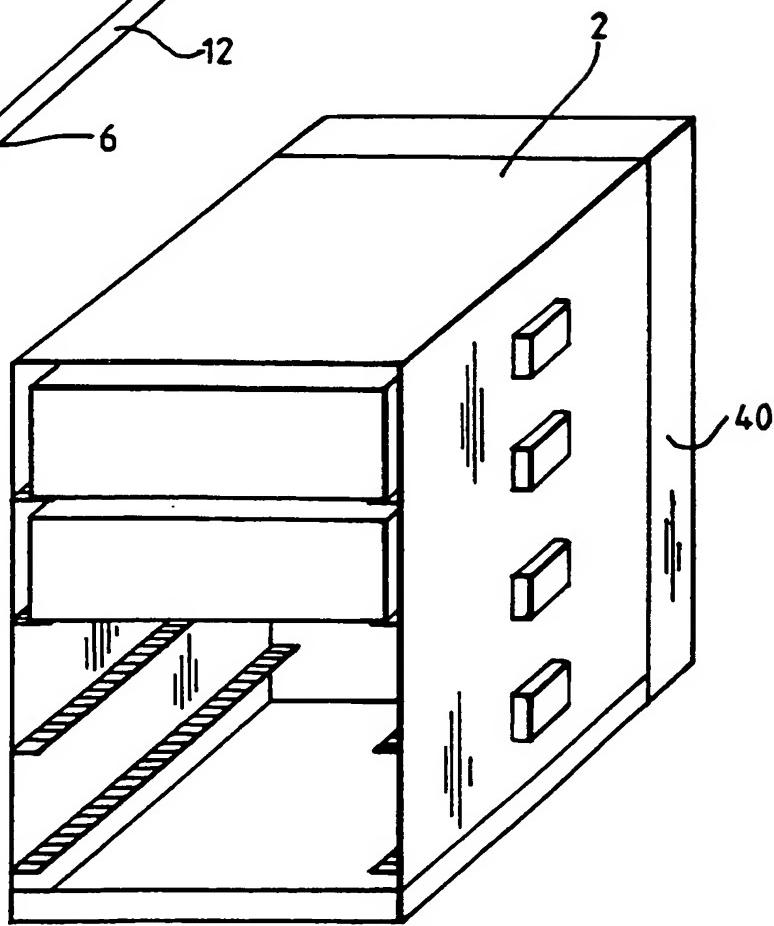


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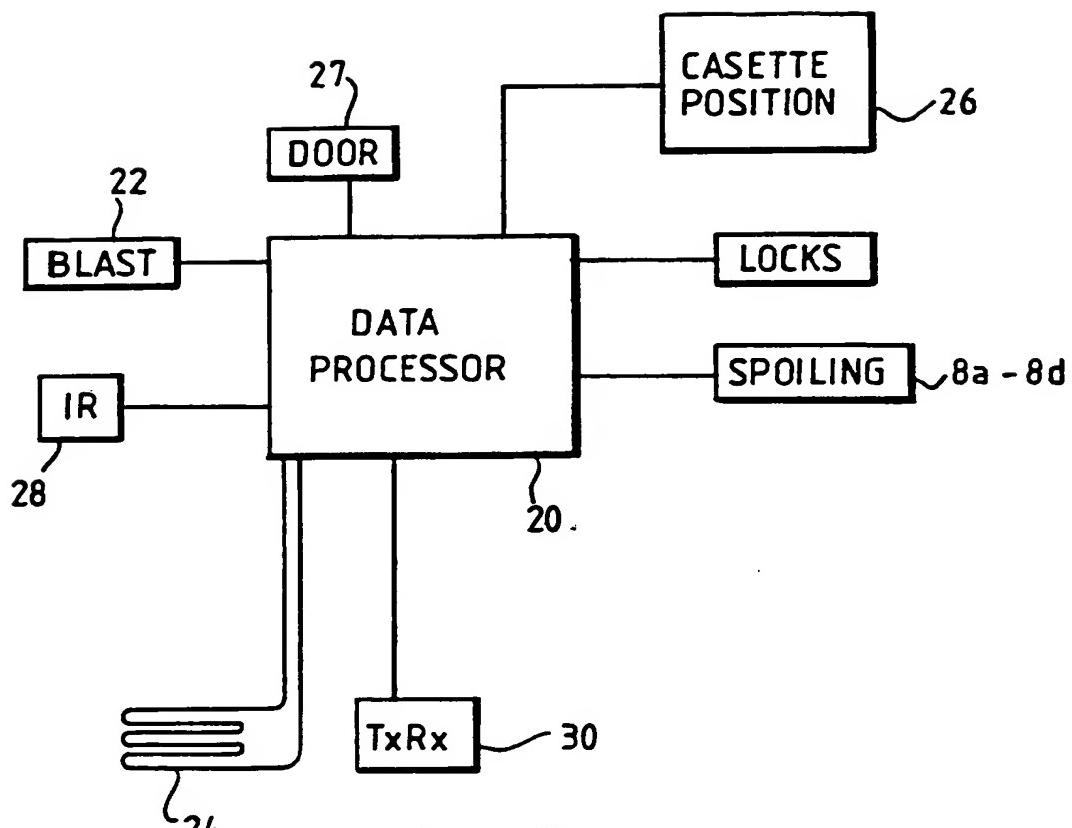


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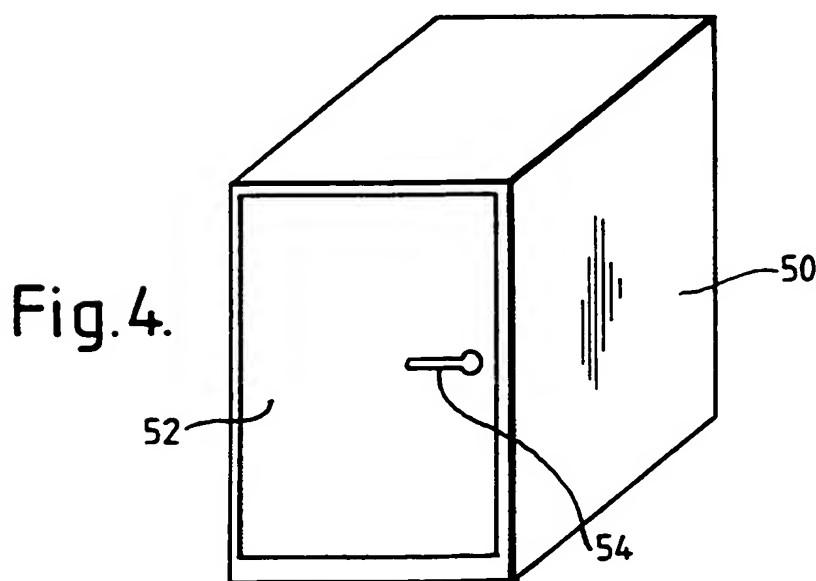


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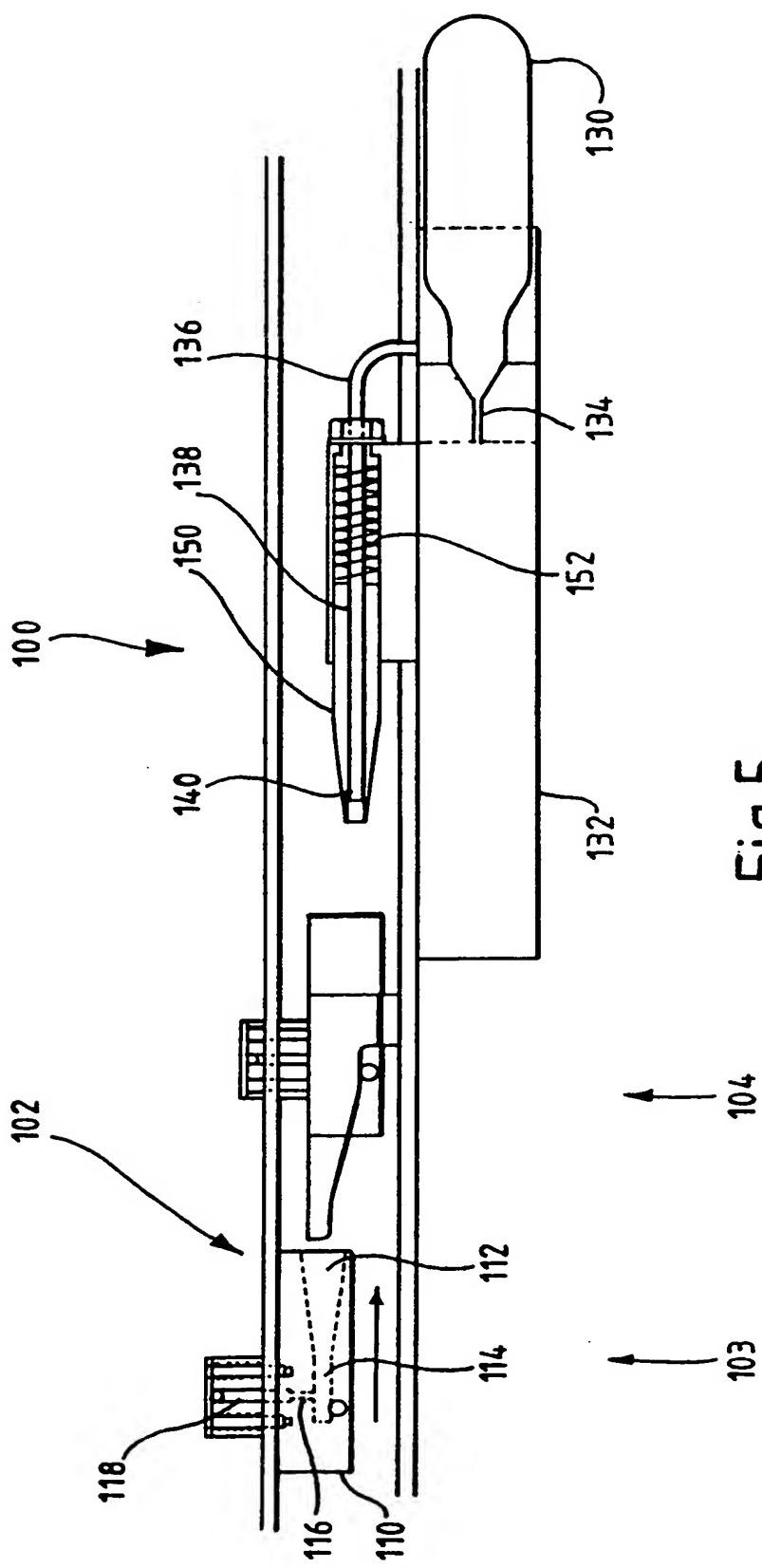


Fig. 5.